

## 2019 Local Election—M. Keith Riddle, Catron County Clerk

The 2018 Legislature passed HB 98 which establishes a statewide Local Election for non-partisan officers and local government ballot questions. It combines all local elections into one election in odd numbered years. This November 5, 2019 will be the first ever Local Election in Catron County. That means the Village of Reserve, Quemado and Reserve School Districts, and all Soil and Water Conservation Districts will participate. Voters will vote ballots applicable for the area in which they live. The following positions will be on the ballot:

- Village of Reserve
  - Mayor
  - Trustee
  - Trustee
- Reserve Independent School District 1
  - School Board Position 1—4-year term
  - School Board Position 2—4-year term
  - School Board Position 4—4-year term
- Quemado Independent School District 2
  - School Board Position 1—4-year term
  - School Board Position 2—4-year term
  - School Board Position 3—4-year term
  - School Board Position 4—2-year term
  - School Board Position 5—2-year term
- San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District Board
  - District Supervisor Position 1
  - District Supervisor Position 2
  - District Supervisor Position 5 (at-large, no landownership requirements)
- Salado Soil and Water Conservation District
  - District Supervisor Position 1
  - District Supervisor Position 2
  - District Supervisor Position 5 (at-large, no landownership requirements)
- Quemado Soil and Water Conservation District Board
  - District Supervisor Position 1
  - District Supervisor Position 2
  - District Supervisor Position 5 (at-large, no landownership requirements)
- Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District Board
  - District Supervisor Position 1
  - District Supervisor Position 2
  - District Supervisor Position 5 (at-large, no landownership requirements)

The 2019 election begins with Candidate Filing Day on August 27, 2019, in the Clerk's Office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Write-in Candidate Filing Day will be September 3, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to file as a candidate for any open position must appear in person in the Clerk's Office. Voters and potential candidates may call (575) 533-6400 or 1-844-804-1690 or email [keith.riddle@catroncountynm.gov](mailto:keith.riddle@catroncountynm.gov) for further information. This is a non-partisan election and all registered voters living within the applicable district are eligible to run. Because it is non-partisan, a voter may run for more than one position in the election on different Boards.

Election day voting will take place in the following locations:

- Precinct #1—Reserve Community Center
- Precinct #2—Quemado Community Center
- Precinct #3—Glenwood Community Center
- Precinct #4—Aragon Fire Station
- Precinct #5—Datil Fire Station
- Precinct #6—Luna Community Center
- Precinct #7—Pie Town Community Center
- Precinct #8—Horse Mountain Fire Station
- Precinct #9—Escudilla Bonita Acres (EBA)—All-Mail Ballot (Letters will be sent to all voters)

Absentee voting and Early voting will begin in the Clerk's Office on October 8, 2019, and end Saturday November 2, 2019. Mobile voting will be held in Quemado October 21-23; Datil October 24-26; and Glenwood October 28-30 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

All election results will be canvassed by the Catron County Commission within 10 days of the election. All results will be available on the County Clerk's webpage at [www.catroncounty.us](http://www.catroncounty.us). Information and important calendar dates will be posted on the web pages as well. Voter registration, or voter registration updates, can be performed online at [www.nmvote.org](http://www.nmvote.org).

In addition, this year we are introducing Ballot on Demand (BOD) and making all polling locations *Voting Convenience Centers*. The Ballot on Demand system will allow each voter to go to any polling location and give their name, address and birth year. The ballot that is specific to their home address will then be printed, and the voter will vote their ballot and cast it on the voting machine. As *Voting Convenience Centers*, all polling locations are open to all voters registered in Catron County. As your County Clerk, I am excited to offer this new system of voting that should make voting easier and more convenient.

Please note that Precincts 2B, 5B and 5C have now been designated as Precincts 7, 8 and 9. Precinct 9—EBA has become an all-mail precinct based on its distance from the next nearest polling location and by virtue of only having about 75 voters. A letter will be sent to all EBA voters well before the election to explain this and give them the opportunity to opt out of a mail ballot.

As with Primary and General Elections, the County Clerk has full responsibility for conducting the Local Election. Please don't hesitate to call for further information or updates.